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## **THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

### **Institute of Museum and Library Services**

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests:** 2019-2021 IMLS National Leadership Grants for Museums and Museums for America Program Notice of Funding Opportunity

**AGENCY:** Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities

**ACTION:** Notice, request for comments on this collection of information

**SUMMARY:** The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This pre-clearance consultation program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. By this notice, IMLS is soliciting comments concerning a plan to offer two grant programs targeted to the needs of museums nationwide, aligned to the updated IMLS Strategic Framework for 2019-2021, National Leadership Grants for Museums and Museums for America Program.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before February 2, 2018.

IMLS is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Dr. Sandra Webb, Senior Advisor, Office of the Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Dr. Webb can be reached by Telephone: 202-653-4718 Fax: 202-653-4608, or by e-mail at [swebb@imls.gov](mailto:swebb@imls.gov), or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202-653-4614.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Sandra Webb, Senior Advisor, Office of the Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Dr. Webb can be reached by Telephone: 202-653-4718 Fax: 202-653-4608, or by e-mail at [swebb@imls.gov](mailto:swebb@imls.gov), or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202-653-4614.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## **I. Background:**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's approximately 120,000 libraries and 35,000 museums and related organizations. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov).

## **II. Current Actions:**

The goals of National Leadership Grants (NLG) for Museums are to support projects that address critical needs of the museum field and that have the potential to advance practice in the profession so that museums can improve services for the American public. Museums, institutions of higher education, and certain nonprofits who support museum operations or well-being are eligible to apply under this grant program.

The goal of Museums for America (MFA) grants is to support projects that strengthen the ability of an individual museum to serve its public. The program supports museums by investing in high-priority activities that are clearly linked to an institution's strategic plan and enhance its value to its community. This action is to renew the forms and instructions for the Notice of Funding Opportunities for the next three years.

*Agency:* Institute of Museum and Library Services

*Title:* 2019-2021 IMLS National Leadership Grants for Museums/Museums for America Notice of Funding Opportunity

*OMB Number:* 3137-0094

*Frequency:* Twice per year

*Affected Public:* Museum organization applicants

*Number of Respondents:* 630

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 45 hours

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 28,350 hours

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* n/a

*Total Annual costs:* \$643,828.50

*Public Comments Invited:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

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